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(c) whether the system of payment is uniform all over the Presidency or different ;

(d) whether copyists form part of the permanent establishment of the Revenue and Magisterial departments ; if not, what is their status in the service ;

(e) whether the copyists are employed at times to do the work of clerks in the above offices ;

(f) whether they are given any extra remuneration when they have to do work other than copying documents ;

(g) whether there exists any difference in status and rank between the copyists of the Judicial Department and those of the Revenue Department, and if so, what it is and why the same is maintained ;

(h) whether the copyists are entitled to all or any of the privileges attached to Government service, such as leave and pension, etc., and whether they are governed by Civil Service Regulations ; and

(i) whether the Government will investigate into the grievances of the copyists and redress the same ?

A.—(a) to (d) The hon. Member is referred to Board's Standing Order No. 173, section (ii).

(e) & (f) The Government are not aware that the facts are as suggested.

(g) The Government know of none.

(h) Eligibility for pension and leave is not a necessary incident of Government service but is a matter regulated by the rules made in that behalf. Copyists are not eligible for leave or pension.

(i) The rates for the remuneration of copyists were raised in 1922. Since then it has not been brought to the notice of the Government that the copyists have any particular grievance.

Emigration

Prohibition of emigration from the Agency.

* 1278 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the paragraph on Emigration in the Administration Report of the Vizagapatam Agency for 1926-27 ; and

(b) whether in view of the expressed dislike of the Agent to the Governor and his expressed recommendation that the solution lies in the opening up of the Agency by a railway, the Government are prepared to prohibit emigration from the Agency ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The country is being opened up by making roads and a railway and the Government do not think the drastic step suggested by the hon. Member could be justified.